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Louisiana Lags in Education

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Louisiana has fallen behind most neighboring southern states in funding higher education, the legislative Budget Committee was told today.

"We understand the state's [illegible] President

appropriation you give us and try to do the best we can.

"BUT," Taylor said, "we would be remiss if we didn't tell you how Louisiana stands in the South."

Taylor was the first of nine

going to have to work with," state Rep. Carl Bauer of Franklin told Budget Committee colleagues yesterday, "It's a waste of time to listen to these things when we know there's no way on God's green earth we can do them."

line yesterday after sending Welfare Commissioner Garland Bonin back to come up with a "more realistic" spending request. Bonin told the committee it would cost the state $122 million — $45 million more than it is spend-

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we're getting this year," he acknowledged, "we can live with it."

Bonin had said months ago he would consider himself lucky if the welfare department received state money at the same level as this year

meaning as they may be, that we can't possibly afford," Bauer said.

"NOW THEY'RE defending the idea of each agency coming in here and saying, 'look what we can do if you give

time" analyzing these things and putting money where it's needed most," Rayburn said.

The committee also heard yesterday:

—From the Louisiana State Library, a request for $469,075 in state money, 37.6 per cent

Beverage Control Board, a request for a total outlay from the state of $106,450, and increase in General Fund money of $37,884.

—From the state Supreme Court, a request for $2.17 million to operate the high court